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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer No.
BUCK, Carol.	:	26817
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Application No. 10/728,546	:	Group Art Unit: 1617
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Filed: December 5, 2003	:	Examiner: Gina C. YU
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Title: FORMULATIONS AND METHOD	:	Confirmation No. 8795
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In a July 5, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-8, 34-42, and 57-63, drawn to a composition comprising an alkanolic acid and polyethylene glycol mono stearate, classified in class 562, subclass 400.
- II. Claims 23-33 and 45-56, drawn to a composition comprising an alkanolic acid and enzyme, classified in class 435, subclass 212.

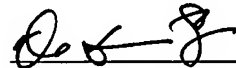
III. Claims 21, 22, 43, 44, drawn to a method of curling, straightening or maintaining the style of curling or straightening, classified in class 424, subclass 70.2.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group II, claims 23-33 and 45-56, drawn to a composition comprising an alkanoic acid and enzyme, classified in class 435, subclass 212 for prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that a search of the system of Group II would uncover the composition of Group I and the method of Group III. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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